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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: The General Mark Clark Task Force

1. At a meeting on 9 December of the CIA internal committee assisting the General Mark Clark Task Force Mr. Kirkpatrick read excerpts from a Memorandum of Conversation made by the Director following a meeting with General Clark on 8 December. The excerpts were, in part, as follows:

- a. General Clark indicated that he and his people were completely satisfied with the cooperation which they were receiving from all echelons of the Agency.
- b. He stated that he wanted to send representatives of the Task Force to Europe and the Far East to look at conditions in the field. Admiral Connally will go to one of these areas and it was agreed that he should have such access to the clandestine services as was necessary to understand the covert side of the house as well as the operations at field installations.
- c. The Director has made available to General Clark all of the National Estimates produced during 1954.
- d. General Clark inquired about policy guidance and the Director agreed that he, and he alone, could see NSC Directive No. 5412.
- e. General Clark also stated that he would see certain people who had expressed an interest in assisting the Task Force and that one of these individuals would be General Willoughby, former G-2 for General McArthur.
- f. General Clark had the following specific requests to make:
 - (1) He wanted to have a meeting at some stage with the Director at which time the Task Force and its staff could put questions to him and he, in turn, could express his philosophies, etc.

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- (2) He wanted to be satisfied as best he could to answer the charge of communist infiltration into CIA. The Director suggested that this be given thorough consideration during the inspection of the Security Office beginning on 3 January.
 - g. General Clark also indicated that a number of people had communicated with him in one way or another openly announcing their affiliation with CIA and offering to assist the Task Force. He wanted Mr. Dulles to clearly understand that he frowned upon any such procedure.
 - h. Mr. Dulles agreed to go over with him the list of consultants that we have in the various specialized fields.
 - i. General Clark indicated that he wanted to be reassured on the manner in which captured enemy documents (both those captured in the past and those that might be captured in the future) were handled.
2. Mr. Kirkpatrick advised the group that the Director had given General Clark three proposals for his consideration. They were:
- a. The need for a new CIA building.
 - b. The plan for a watchdog committee in Congress.
 - c. Legislation in connection with our Career Service.
3. Mr. Kirkpatrick also indicated that the Director desired to give General Clark an additional paper on the subject of "International Communism."
4. The discussion brought out the fact that there was a general feeling that the Task Force and its staff, through the education they were receiving in CIA, had a much healthier respect for us than their allegedly preconceived notions would indicate. In fact, most of the committee felt that the final report would certainly be something constructive and with which we could live. However, it was the general consensus that we would be criticized very sharply on the organizational structure of the Agency.

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